

## SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Page 1, before line 4, insert the following new paragraphs:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention--

Page 1, after line 9, insert the following new paragraph:

--Description of Related Art--

Page 3, after line 8, insert the following new paragraph:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 3, after line 22, insert the following new paragraphs:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 illustrates curves showing the superposition of sinusoids of different amplitudes and different wavelengths characterizing the roughness state of the lacquers applied to a motor-vehicle body.

FIG. 2 illustrates curves modeling the profile of marks in automotive body lacquer.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

Page 4, fifth full paragraph:

--As a particularly preferred example of such a dispersion, mention may be made of the product currently sold under the name Aeronal® ACRONAL® DS3559 (from BASF). This product has in particular the following physico-chemical characteristics:

Solids content: 52 +/- 1%;

Density: about 1.05 g/cm<sup>3</sup>;

pH: between 5.0 and 6.5;

Viscosity at 23°C (DIN 53211): 17 to 20 s;

T<sub>g</sub> ~ -30°C.--

Page 7, second full paragraph:

--As examples of antioxidants that can be used within the context of the invention, mention may be made of phenolic antioxidants (~~Irganox~~® IRGANOX® 1010 and 1135 from Ciba Specialty Chemicals), amine antioxidants (~~Irganox~~® IRGANOX® 5057), phosphites ~~Irgafos~~® IRGAFOS® 168) and thioethers.--

Page 7, fourth full paragraph:

--As examples of sterically hindered amines that can be used within the context of the invention, mention may be made of the products sold under the names Chimassorb® CHIMASSORB® 2020 and Tinuvin® TINUVIN® 783, 770 and 765.--

Page 8, first full paragraph:

--The tackifying resins that can be used within the context of the invention are well known to those skilled in the art and may be chosen in particular from colophony resins, terpene-phenol resins and resins obtained from  $C_5$ ,  $(C_5)_2$  and/or  $C_9$  petroleum cuts that may then be partially or completely hydrogenated. Advantageously, these resins have a softening temperature, measured according to the ring-and-ball method (ASTM E 28 standard) of less than or equal to  $140^{\circ}\text{C}$ , generally lying within the  $75$  to  $140^{\circ}\text{C}$  range and preferably within the  $75$  to  $125^{\circ}\text{C}$  range. As examples, mention may be made of the products sold under the name Escorez® ESCOREZ® (from Exxon), Sylvares® SYLVARES® (from Arizona) and Permalyn® PERMALYN® (from Eastman).--

Page 13, fifth full paragraph:

--Example 1

An adhesive composition was prepared by mixing 100 parts by weight of an acrylic dispersion (~~Aeronal~~<sup>®</sup> ACRONAL<sup>®</sup> DS3559) and 3 parts by weight of isocyanate crosslinker (~~Vestanat~~<sup>®</sup> VESTANAT<sup>®</sup> IPDI (from Degussa)) so as to obtain a solids content of 50% for the composition. The isocyanate crosslinker was introduced into the dispersion in the form of a 25% preblend in ethyl acetate.--

Paragraph bridging pages 14-15:

--Example 2

An adhesive composition was prepared by mixing 100 parts by weight of an acrylic dispersion (~~Aeronal~~<sup>®</sup> ACRONAL<sup>®</sup> DDS3559) and 3 parts by weight of isocyanate crosslinker (~~Desmodur~~<sup>®</sup> DESMODUR<sup>®</sup> DA-L (from Bayer)) so as to obtain a solids content of 50% for the composition. The isocyanate crosslinker was introduced into the dispersion in the form of a 50% preblend in ethyl acetate. An anti-ageing agent (~~Tinuvin~~<sup>®</sup> TINUVIN<sup>®</sup> 770) was incorporated into the mixture in an amount of 0.5 parts by weight.--

Page 16, first full paragraph:

--Example 3

An adhesive composition was prepared by mixing 100 parts by weight of an acrylic dispersion (~~Aeronal~~<sup>®</sup> ACRONAL<sup>®</sup> DS3559), one part by weight of isocyanate crosslinker ~~Desmodur~~<sup>®</sup> DESMODUR<sup>®</sup> DA-L (from Bayer)) and 0.15 parts by weight of aziridine crosslinker (~~Neocryl~~ NEOCRYL CX100) so as to obtain a solids content of 50% for the composition. The isocyanate crosslinker was introduced into the dispersion in the form of a 50% preblend in ethyl acetate. The aziridine crosslinker was introduced into the dispersion in the form of a 50% preblend in methoxypropanol acetate. An anti-ageing agent (~~Tinuvin~~<sup>®</sup> TINUVIN<sup>®</sup> 770) was incorporated into the mixture in an amount of 0.5 parts by weight.--

Page 17, third full paragraph:

--Example 4

An adhesive composition was prepared by mixing 100 parts by weight of an acrylic dispersion (~~Aeronal~~<sup>®</sup> ACRONAL<sup>®</sup> A240) and 3 parts by weight of an isocyanate crosslinker (~~Desmodur~~<sup>®</sup> DESMODUR<sup>®</sup> DA-L) so as to obtain a 50% solids content for the composition. The isocyanate crosslinker was introduced into the dispersion in the form of a 50% preblend in ethyl acetate. An

anti-ageing agent (~~Irganox~~<sup>®</sup> IRGANOX<sup>®</sup> 5057) was incorporated into the mixture in an amount of 0.5 parts by weight.--

**Paragraph bridging pages 18-19:**

**--Example 5**

An adhesive composition was prepared by mixing 100 parts by weight of an acrylic dispersion (~~Aeronal~~<sup>®</sup> ACRONAL<sup>®</sup> DS3559), 30 parts by weight of ~~Aeronal~~<sup>®</sup> ACRONAL<sup>®</sup> LA449S and 0.25 parts by weight of an aziridine crosslinker (~~Neocryl~~ NEOCRYL CX100) so as to obtain a solids content of 50% for the composition. The isocyanate crosslinker was introduced into the dispersion in the form of a 50% preblend in ethyl acetate. The aziridine crosslinker was introduced into the dispersion in the form of a 50% preblend in methoxypropanol acetate. An anti-ageing agent (~~Irganox~~<sup>®</sup> IRGANOX<sup>®</sup> 5057) was incorporated into the mixture in an amount of 0.5 parts by weight.--

**Page 20, first full paragraph:**

**--Example 6**

An adhesive composition was prepared by mixing 100 parts by weight of an acrylic dispersion (~~Aeronal~~<sup>®</sup> ACRONAL<sup>®</sup> DS3559) and 0.25 parts by weight of an aziridine crosslinker (~~Neocryl~~ NEOCRYL CX100<sup>®</sup>) so as to obtain a 50% solids content for the composition. The aziridine crosslinker was introduced into the

dispersion in the form of a 50% preblend in methoxypropanol acetate. An anti-ageing agent, consisting of a mixture of 0.5 parts by weight ~~Tinuvin~~<sup>®</sup> TINUVIN<sup>®</sup> 765 and 0.5 parts by weight of ~~Irganox~~<sup>®</sup> IRGANOX<sup>®</sup> 5057, was also incorporated into the mixture.-

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